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Proposal submitted by the Chairman

Protection of the Atmosphere: Options for Agenda 21

Addendum

The Government of Japan has submitted to the Conference secretariat the following comments:

1. Paragraph 7: Delete "especially in so far as ... are concerned". It is not necessary to specify a certain field because energy production and consumption pattern changes totally including renewable energy. Nuclear energy is referred to at the London Summit as a contributor to diversify energy sources and reduction of the emissions of greenhouse gases provided that the safety is secured.

2. Paragraph 9 (d): Replace "with high per capita energy consumption levels" with ", particularly with high per capita energy consumption levels,". Delete "to the maximum extent possible". (Juxtapose both "increase their" and "review priorities for".)

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* See A/CONF.151/PC/96.

3. Paragraph 11: Delete "Moreover ... available". Adopt the phrase in the next bracket. Avoid such a negative expression to say that energy efficiency increase is not pursued unless capital resources are available.

4. Paragraph 12: Delete "developed and developing countries". It is not appropriate to divide countries simply into developed and developing ones because the differences in development stage and other circumstances of respective countries should be taken into account for promoting activities to secure energy efficiency and adopt less energy intensive technologies.

5. Paragraph 13: Delete "developed". It is preferable for all countries, not developed countries only, to improve institutional capacities and give priority to policies for increasing energy efficiency and mitigating impacts on environment.

6. Paragraph 15 (c): Delete "developed". It is preferable for all countries, not developed countries only, to set targets for increasing energy efficiency.

7. Paragraph 15 (d): Add "Countries should cooperate in research and development of technologies concerning energy efficiency" at the beginning of the paragraph. It is essential to promote research and development of related technologies for improving energy efficiency.

8. Paragraph 20 (b): Replace the title with "Research, Development and Application of Renewables". Replace "to ensure, where appropriate substantially increased funding to" with "to ensure where appropriate substantially, increased funding to".

9. Paragraph 26: Insert "environmentally sound urban programme, promoting more environmentally sound transportation systems, such as mass transport" after "economic instruments,". Urban planning and improve urban transportation systems should also be included.

10. Paragraph 20 (c): Delete "developed".

11. Paragraph 30: (a) Delete "developed". The attempt to supply all people with sufficient energy itself is important, but each country is responsible for conducting it. In this sense, the subject should be all countries, not developing countries only; and (b) select "sufficient" rather than "maximum". Energy to be supplied with should be sufficient in accordance with the circumstance of each country.

12. Paragraph 32 (a): Delete "developed". All countries, not developing countries only, should conduct these activities.

13. Paragraph 32 (b): Insert "and international bodies" after "relevant UN bodies". Studies on sustainable energy consumption can be conducted not only by the United Nations, but also by other international organizations. And, in the third line, delete "maximum". Energy to be supplied with should be "sufficient" in accordance with the development stage of each country.

14. Paragraph 32 (e): Delete "developed". Issues on waste should be dealt with by all countries, not developed countries only. Replace "regional integration organizations" with "regional or international organizations". International organizations should be added because this issue is dealt with by other international bodies, such as OECD.

15. Paragraph 32 (f): Delete all the paragraph. Setting common ceiling on per capita CO_2 emissions has close relations with the elements of a framework convention of climate change, and should be discussed at the Intergovernmental Negotiating Committee. And setting common ceiling on per capita energy consumption is not appropriate because of the differences in circumstance of each country.

16. Paragraph 9 (c), third line: replace "incorporating the full cost" with "more fully incorporating the cost"; sixth line, replace "facilitate full environmental costing" with "facilitate more fully environmental costing".

17. Paragraph 13: Replace [to support the management ... using sectors] with "to support the efficient use of energy and the introduction of energy sources with low or no CO_2 emissions".

18. Paragraph 15 (b), title: replace "Pricing and other Economic Mechanism" with "Economic and other Policies"; fourth line, replace with [such as the incomplete inclusion ... energy price] with "such as external diseconomies of energy use."

19. Paragraph 19: Insert "and promoting introduction of" after "development", and delete [The long-term objective is to reverse the present situation, where most money is spent in conventional energy systems].

20. Paragraph 30: Replace "to [manage] [restrict] energy consumption accordingly," with "to attain appropriate energy consumption level."

21. Paragraph 32 (a), title: replace "[Managing] [Restricting] energy consumption" with "Sustainable Life-styles in Energy Consumption"; third line, replace "by" with "of".

22. Paragraph 32 (d): Replace "to ensure that energy efficiency gains are not offset by increased activities." with "to ensure that energy efficiency gains have a positive effect on environment."